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To amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 to prevent the abuse of inhalants through programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon (for herself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. HYDE, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 to prevent the abuse of inhalants through programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4 Section 4131 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
5 Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7141) is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following:

1           “(7) ABUSE.—The term ‘abuse’, used with re-  
 2           spect to an inhalant, means the intentional breath-  
 3           ing of gas or vapors from the inhalant for the pur-  
 4           pose of achieving an altered state of consciousness.

5           “(8) DRUG.—The term ‘drug’ includes a sub-  
 6           stance that is an inhalant, whether or not possession  
 7           or consumption of the substance is legal.

8           “(9) INHALANT.—The term ‘inhalant’ means a  
 9           product that—

10                   “(A) may be a legal, commonly available  
 11                   product; and

12                   “(B) has a useful purpose but can be  
 13                   abused, such as spray paint, glue, gasoline, cor-  
 14                   rection fluid, furniture polish, a felt tip marker,  
 15                   pressurized whipped cream, an air freshener,  
 16                   butane, or cooking spray.

17           “(10) USE.—The term ‘use’, used with respect  
 18           to an inhalant, means abuse of the inhalant.”.

19 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

20           Section 4002 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
 21           Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7102) is amended—

22                   (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, and the  
 23                   abuse of inhalants,” after “other drugs”;

24                   (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and the ille-  
 25                   gal use of alcohol and drugs” and inserting “, the

1 illegal use of alcohol and drugs, and the abuse of  
2 inhalants”;

3 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking “and tobacco”  
4 each place it appears and inserting “, tobacco, and  
5 inhalants”;

6 (4) in paragraph (9), by striking “and illegal  
7 drug use” and inserting “, illegal drug use, and in-  
8 halant abuse”; and

9 (5) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(11)(A) The number of children using  
11 inhalants has doubled during the 10-year period pre-  
12 ceding 1999. Inhalants are the third most abused  
13 class of substances by children age 12 through 14 in  
14 the United States, behind alcohol and tobacco. One  
15 of 5 students in the United States has tried  
16 inhalants by the time the student has reached the  
17 8th grade.

18 “(B) Inhalant vapors react with fatty tissues in  
19 the brain, literally dissolving the tissues. A single  
20 use of inhalants can cause instant and permanent  
21 brain, heart, kidney, liver, and other organ damage.  
22 The user of an inhalant can suffer from Sudden  
23 Sniffing Death Syndrome, which can cause a user to  
24 die the first, tenth, or hundredth time the user uses  
25 an inhalant.

1           “(C) Because inhalants are legal, education on  
2           the dangers of inhalant abuse is the most effective  
3           method of preventing the abuse of inhalants.”.

4   **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

5           Section 4003 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
6   Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7103) is amended  
7   in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “and  
8   abuse of inhalants” after “and drugs”.

9   **SEC. 4. GOVERNOR’S PROGRAMS.**

10          Section 4114(c)(2) of the Safe and Drug-Free  
11   Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C.  
12   7114(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “(including inhalant  
13   abuse education)” after “drug and violence prevention”.

14   **SEC. 5. DRUG AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.**

15          Section 4116 of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and  
16   Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7116) is amended—

17               (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by inserting “, and  
18               the abuse of inhalants,” after “illegal drugs”; and

19               (2) in subsection (b)—

20                       (A) in paragraph (1)—

21                               (i) by inserting “and the abuse of  
22                               inhalants” after “use of illegal drugs”; and

23                               (ii) by inserting “and abuse  
24                               inhalants” after “use illegal drugs”; and

25                       (B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “(including age appropriate inhalant abuse prevention programs for all students, from the preschool level through grade 12)” after “drug prevention”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “and inhalant abuse” after “drug use”.

**9 SEC. 6. FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.**

10 Section 4121(a) of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools  
11 and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7131(a)) is  
12 amended in the first sentence by striking “illegal use of  
13 drugs” and inserting “illegal use of drugs, the abuse of  
14 inhalants,”.

**15 SEC. 7. MATERIALS.**

16 Section 4132(a) of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools  
17 and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7142(a)) is  
18 amended by striking “illegal use of alcohol and other  
19 drugs” and inserting “illegal use of alcohol and other  
20 drugs and the abuse of inhalants”.

**21 SEC. 8. QUALITY RATING.**

22 Section 4134(b)(1) of the Safe and Drug-Free  
23 Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C.

- 1 7144(b)(1)) is amended by inserting “, and the abuse of
- 2 inhalants,” after “tobacco”.

